

(6) The project benefits the long-term unemployed and members of low-income families who are residents of the area to be served.

(b) PWIP projects must create immediate useful work for the unemployed and underemployed residents in the project area.

§ 305.5 Selection process.

Projects will be selected in accordance with § 304.1 of this chapter.

§ 305.6 Evaluation criteria.

In addition to and/or as an elaboration of the evaluation criteria set forth in part 304 of this chapter of this chapter and to the extent practicable, evaluations are made on the basis of whether the proposed project:

(a) Assists in creating or retaining private sector jobs (primarily in the near term) and assists in the creation of additional long-term employment opportunities (provided the jobs have not been transferred from another commuting area of the United States) and will result in low costs-per-job in relation to total EDA costs, evidenced for example by:

- (1) Commitments to create such jobs;
- (2) Marketing; and
- (3) Financial capabilities of the applicant.

(b) Is supported by significant private sector investment.

(c) Maximizes the amount of local, state or other Federal funding that is available.

(d) Is likely to be started and completed in a timely fashion.

(e) If located in an EDC with a stable economy and little distress, an employment plan is required that explains how new employment opportunities for residents of nearby highly distressed redevelopment areas will be provided.

(f) To the extent possible, factors that will be considered in the evaluation of PWIP projects include whether the proposed project:

(1) Improves the economic or community environment in areas of severe economic distress;

(2) Includes an acceptable plan for hiring the unemployed and underemployed from the project area to work on construction of the project;

(3) Assists in providing long-term employment opportunities or other economic benefits for the unemployed and underemployed in the project area;

(4) Primarily benefits low-income families by providing essential community services, or satisfying a pressing public need;

(5) Involves construction which can be started (normally within 120 days after affirmation of the award), and completed quickly (normally within one year) preferably without early construction start; or

(6) Has significant labor intensity (i.e., the proportion of labor costs to the total project costs).

§ 305.7 Award requirements.

(a) Projects are expected to be completed in a timely manner consistent with the nature of the project. Normally, the maximum period for any financial assistance that is provided shall be not more than 5 years from the end of the fiscal year of the award.

(b) Matching Requirements are as follows:

(1) EDA may provide direct grants not to exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of the project;

(2) Under certain circumstances supplementary grants to augment the direct grant may be provided up to a maximum of 80 percent of the eligible project costs, though waivers may be permitted in accordance with Section 101(c) of the Act. Supplementary grant assistance to finance over 50 percent of the project costs will be approved by EDA only for projects in areas of high distress. Decisions on such supplementary grant assistance will be based on the nature of the project, the amount of fair user charges or other revenues the project may reasonably be expected to generate, and the relative needs of the area;

(3) Applicants are required to provide the local share from acceptable sources;

(4) The local share need not be in hand at the time of application; however, the applicant must assure EDA that such share is committed and will be available at the time the award is accepted; and